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President's Report

Hi Riders,

Hope this newsletter finds us all well after the torrential rain we have had over the last few weeks. I have certainly had a terrible time of it but certainly can not complain after what the people in the flood stricken places have had to deal with.

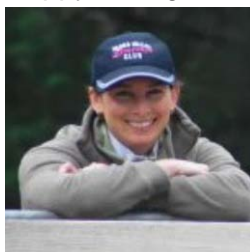
We ran our Freshman's competition on the 13th February and we were blessed with perfect riding weather. Two rings were running all day and it was great to see a lot of new faces having a go. We were lucky to have Carol Ross judge for us all day as she had been down doing a clinic for the two previous days. I am sure everybody got a lot of great positive constructive comments from both Carol and Monica Cook that we can take on board for next time. Huge thanks to all the helpers on the day and for the day before setting up the rings.

Make sure you all get along to Dressage with the Stars in March as you certainly can learn a lot from watching all the horses and the Masterclass should be fantastic with Ingrid Klimke presenting.

Look forward to seeing you all at our next club competition in March.

Happy Riding!

Michelle Oliver



Club Calendar 2011

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 4th March 2011

Sunday 13th March 2011

Sunday 17th April 2011

Sunday 15th May 2011

Sunday 12th June 2011

Sunday 10th July 2011

Thursday 14th July 2011

Sunday 21st August 2011

Sunday 18th September 2011

Sunday 16th October 2011

Sunday 13th November 2011

Entries close for Club Day competition at Glenbrae

Club Day Competition at Glenbrae B tests

YVDC Official Open Competition at Glenbrae

Freshman's Competition at Glenbrae C tests

Club Day Competition at Glenbrae D tests & 4A, 5A

Freshman's Competition at Glenbrae A tests & 4B, 5B

YVDC Annual General Meeting

Club Day Competition at Glenbrae B tests & 4C, 5C

Freshman's Competition at Glenbrae C tests & 4A, 5A

YVDC Official Open Competition at Werribee NEC

Club Day Competition at Glenbrae D tests & 4B, 5B

Club News

Results from the February Freshman's Competition

PRELIMINARY 1A OUTDOOR JUDGE: MONICA COOK

Fiona Schilg	Flowervale Ferrari	161	80.50%	1st
Deb Hodgson	Belcam Shanioh	155	77.50%	2nd
Bobby Rankin	Chiquita Black	150	75.00%	3rd
Pam Miskin	Ashleigh Rococo	147	73.50%	4th
Kathryn Cardwell	Chasse	145	72.50%	5th
Jan Kennan	Rodrigo	140	70.00%	6th=
Devon Rankin	Yoiks Sirocco	140	70.00%	6th=
Maureen Howe	Highness McOhl	140	70.00%	6th=

NOVICE 2A INDOOR JUDGE: CAROL ROSS

Kerrie Aumann	Kerron Park Elle	188	69.60%	1st
Jan Kennan	Rodrigo	186	68.90%	2nd
Robyn Woodbridge	The Highwayman	177	65.60%	3rd=
Michelle Oliver	Oliver Gray	177	65.60%	3rd=
Cara Burns	Piccolo	169	62.60%	5th
Larissa Symec	Unicorn Wolkenbruch	164	60.70%	6th

ELEMENTARY 3A INDOOR JUDGE: CAROL ROSS

Mardi Trease	Woodleigh Rouletto	230	65.70%	1st
Melanie Clark	Willowcroft Songbird	213	60.90%	2nd

MEDIUM 4A INDOOR JUDGE: CAROL ROSS

Janice Herzig	Sienna Eyre	243	67.50%	1st
Sandra Winzer	Monaco	224	62.20%	2nd
Chris Sudul	Northern Jupiter	208	60.80%	3rd

PRIX ST GEORGE INDOOR JUDGE: CAROL ROSS

Karalyn McDonald	Ruby Red	243	62.90%	1st
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Dressage Club
Leaderboard can
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www.yvdc.com.au

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Send in your
favourite photo of
you and your
horse/s for the
members section.
Come and join us!

Dressage Warm-up/Schooling/Lesson Arena Etiquette

Riders frequently need to share an arena with others in a group lesson, show situation, or during training. Etiquette is a tool for mutual cooperation. All persons at a facility are to remember that the quality of shared space is defined by the example of all who enter it. Polite conversation and a positive continual flow pattern will avoid many problems in open order situations. Before you show be sure to read the extensive Protocol section of the 2005 USDF Directory.

- Always check your stirrup length and tighten your girth if necessary before you mount and do this ideally before you enter the arena.
- Know the dressage arena geometry and understand that the riders follow the test patterns in all the levels when they are moving around the arena. Good News! The patterns make sense and are easy to learn.
- When at a show, competition, or facility always check for specific rules and listen carefully to the judge and ring steward. All arenas may have assigned times and or uses. Sometimes these arenas have posted rules and sometimes written or declared.
- Horses not entered in a show are not permitted in the warm-up.
- Be Polite. School in a positive manner. Do not meander.
- Lunge in designated arenas only.
- At a show the instructors and coaches should help from the sidelines and not from the arena floor.
- All gates should be closed when inside the riding arenas.
- When entering it is polite to start riding on the same rein (direction) as the majority of the horses in the arena.
- Walk on the inside track, the outside track is always given to horses working the faster gait. The inside track is the track you would be on if you are riding pairs with a horse on the track or rail.
- The international rule is left-shoulder-to-left-shoulder when passing head on (in opposite directions).
- Always keep at least one-horse distance between horses. If you get too close, make a large circle back, pass to the inside or cross the arena to an open spot on the track or rail.
- Do not circle in front of another rider by cutting them off or pinning them against the wall or another horse.
- Never pass between the rail and another rider on the track. Always pass to the inside. Pass wide.
- Look behind you before stopping suddenly. Halting on the track is always unexpected.
- If a rider is obviously working on some advanced moves keep out of the way by flowing through the rules above. The “rules” of passing each other are not license to have a collision. Common sense must come into play. Be aware of your total environment. Be polite and avoid the collision. Share the “rules” with others politely later.
- If you are a more experienced rider take the responsibility on yourself to stay safe and flow out of harms way. Experienced riders can watch for the “greenies” and show by their example the flow and focus necessary to share an arena. It is important to remember that as a rider grows in experience there is “that phase” when someone really thinks they know it all and they seriously do not know that there is more to come! Remember when you were there :-). Show others by example.
- Do not use your whip in such a way as to frighten or touch other horses.
- If your horse kicks put a red ribbon in its tail. If it is a green horse a green ribbon is appropriate. When riding in groups especially trail and hunting ribbons are helpful to other riders. In the arena it gives other riders a heads up. Fractious horses should be removed immediately from the arena.
- If you are having difficulty with your horse and must stop, please move to the center of the arena, out of the way of the other riders. You may say “Heads Up” if you have a problem about to happen.
- If you do get in someone’s way be sure to apologize and be alert ... “learn on the job”.
- In an emergency “Hold Hard” or “Halt” may be called out and the whole arena should halt.

Additional etiquette for lessons

- Know the facility rules for their arenas.
- If a lesson is in progress, please ask permission of the instructor to enter the ring. If permission is granted, the right of way must be given to the mounted students (i.e., wait until the gate area is clear before opening the gate and entering the arena). Always close the gate behind you.
- Always listen to and follow your instructor's directions. Additional riders should listen so they know where the lesson riders are going. It is the responsibility of any additional riders to avoid disrupting the lesson.
- Students should always ride on the track (rail) or a circle unless otherwise directed by the instructor or when moving to another open spot on that same figure.

Members News

Vale "Strathconon Rasuli"



You were not just a pony who meant the world to one person; you meant the world to many and changed the hearts of all of those who were involved with you.

I was fortunate to purchase Ray from the Ward's. He was the pony who changed my whole world and taught me what the real competition world was about - winning where ever we went including Barastoc Child's Pony of the Year at 19 years of age and taking me to numerous other prestigious awards, such as the Dame Nellie Melba Turnout Under 18 years, in which we were the only pony and I was 13 years old and the youngest in it.

Ray retired here with us at "Wyronga Park" where he finally lay to rest. He is buried on the property, as he is one in a million and part of the family!

I am the person and rider I am today because of you Ray, so thank you for some of the best years of my life! We miss you so much and will never forget you. May you finally be at peace with your best mate *Mulkirri Philadelphia*.

Until we meet again, Love Always Glenda and Faye Hinchcliffe.

JENNY CRAIG FOR MEN

A guy calls a company and orders their 5-day, 10 lb. weight loss program. The next day, there's a knock on the door and there stands before him a voluptuous, athletic, 19 year old babe dressed in nothing but a pair of Nike running shoes and a sign around her neck.

She introduces herself as a representative of the weight loss company. The sign reads, 'If you can catch me, you can have me.' Without a second thought, he takes off after her. A few miles later huffing and puffing, he finally gives up.

The same girl shows up for the next four days and the same thing happens. On the fifth day, he weighs himself and is delighted to find he has lost 10 lbs. as promised.

He calls the company and orders their 5-day/20 pound program. The next day there's a knock at the door and there stands the most stunning, beautiful, sexy woman he has ever seen in his life. She is wearing nothing but Reebok running shoes and a sign around her neck that reads, 'If you catch me you can have me'.

Well, he's out the door after her like a shot. This girl is in excellent shape and he does his best,

but no such luck. So for the next four days, the same routine happens with him gradually getting in better and better shape. Much to his delight on the fifth day when he weighs himself, he discovers that he has lost another 20 lbs. as promised.

He decides to go for broke and calls the company to order the 7-day/50 pound program. 'Are you sure?' asks the representative on the phone. 'This is our most rigorous program.' 'Absolutely,' he replies, 'I haven't felt this good in years.'

The next day there's a knock at the door; and when he opens it he finds a huge muscular guy standing there wearing nothing but pink running shoes and a sign around his neck that reads, 'If I catch you, you're mine.'

He lost 63 pounds that week!

(Thanks to Carol Ross for that one!)

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Very good condition - hasn't had a great deal of use.

- external lock-up tack box with saddle rack and bridle hooks
- internal rug rack
- one access door
- sliding windows
- rear canvas awning
- split tail ramp
- drop down (padded) chest bars
- electric brakes
- fold-up jockey wheel
- interior height 7'
- bay length 6'6"
- bay width 5'
- registered until 19th April 2011

Price: \$9,500

Contact: Sue Knight 0438 595 191

Greystone Maxi Vac - paddock vacuum cleaner



- Australian made
- Pick up in all conditions – wet or dry
- Long or short grass
- Huge 5-6 wheelbarrow capacity
- Easy start 2 stroke motor
- Tow behind quad, ride-on mower or small tractor
- Powder coated steel frame with tipping action
- Perfect for horse paddocks, day yards, saw dust, leaves etc
- Used 4 times – we have huge paddocks and now use an equally huge mulcher to clean up

Price: \$2,950 (new price: \$4,400)

Contact: Pam Miskin Mobile: 0419 671 879; Home: 5967 1879; pjwmiskin@bigpond.com

Luc Childeric Dressage Saddle

Immaculate black French saddle. 17 inch, DSG model, size 10 gullet. Without mounts. Excellent condition.

Price: \$5,500 firm

Contact: Kerry Frampton Phone: 5967 4225



Club Day Competition – Sunday 13th March 2011

Tests are ridden once under EFA rules. Ribbons are awarded to 6th place.



Entry Form

RIDER _____

HORSE _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

1st TEST ENTERED _____ 2nd TEST _____

ENTRY FEE
ENCLOSED _____

I will assist with:

RING SET UP RING PULL DOWN
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OTHER

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Sunday 13th March 2011
GLENBRAE EQUESTRIAN
CENTRE, VICTORIA ROAD
WANDIN

Tests - 1B, 2B, 3B, 4B, 5B, Prix St
George, Inter1, Inter 11, Grand Prix

Entries Close - Friday 4th March 2011

Fees - Club Members - \$20 per test

Event Secretary - Jan Herzig
P.O Box 297 Wandin North Vic 3139

Scratchings on the day 0412 170 566

- ◆ **All competitors are required to assist before, during or after competition. Please indicate your preferred job.**
- ◆ Points awarded to club trophies
- ◆ Ribbons to 6th place
- ◆ Each test is ridden twice
- ◆ EFA Rules apply
- ◆ 2nd test may be entered if sufficient time
- ◆ Clean and neat attire
- ◆ Open to current YVDC members only
- ◆ NO DOGS ALLOWED
- ◆ *Yummy free lunch!*